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CONTROLLING VERTICAL HEAT TREATMENT SYSTEM, AND  
METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING OBJECT TO BE TREATED

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:

New patent application including 75 pages of text, 27 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-35), signed Declaration, signed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet, Claim For Foreign Priority w/4 attached certified priority documents and a check for **\$1,168.00**.

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